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¶1. The Ambassador delivered reftel talking points on the Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism (CCIT) to Foreign Minister Carlos Morales Troncoso on July 14. He expressed his general support for counterterrorism efforts, but said the MFA would need to study this proposal before taking a position. As of July 29, MFA UN/OAS division chief Michelle Cohen did not know what action had been taken on our demarche.

¶2. The Ambassador also passed to Morales a chart showing which of 12 existing counterterrorism conventions and protocols the Dominican Republic had not yet signed or ratified. He said he would see what could be done to remedy that. On June 29, Cohen informed us that the Dominican Congress in mid-July had voted to ratify the Inter-American Convention Against Terrorism (not on the list we had shared). As soon as President Fernndez signs the bill, the ratification will take effect, she said.

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